

~~Message from Matsuka to Eden, 13 Feb 1941.~~

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Telegram to Ambassador SHIGEMITSU, London, from MATSUOKA, the Foreign Minister.

No. 46

Concerning your telegram No. 77.

Ambassador Craigie also wishes an interview with me which will be held within a few days. In the meantime, I want you to hand telegram No. 47 to Foreign Minister Eden, and at the same time explain to the minister the reason I express so unreserved an opinion is because I feel so close to him, as I was acquainted with Foreign Minister Eden ever since we were in Geneva. Also Ambassador Craigie's report of the approach of a critical point in Far East, etc. is really a ridiculous fantasy (The Vice Minister also called the Ambassador's attention on this point on the 12th.). Of course it is not only groundless but also there is no intention on our part to make trouble with Britain which I wish you would make a verbal representation to him.

Further some English newspapers, misunderstanding our real motives, are recently publishing stimulative news and editorials as if Japan would try to start military actions at any moment, which would only serve to make the relations of both countries worse and be harmful and there would be nothing to be gained by it. Will you kindly call his attention to this point to stop them?

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